





# City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: September 9, 2003

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager 

FROM: Rolland Crawford, Director of Public Safety 

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the 2003-2004 Weed Abatement Program

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the 2003-2004 Weed Abatement Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Weed Abatement Program is seasonal (Spring and Fall). H & H Citrus, now Larry Jacinto Farming, has provided the service since 1999.

A Notice Inviting Bids was published in The Sun on July 31, and 33 bid packages were mailed to weed abatement contractors in the area. No bids were received.

All inspections for the Fall Weed Abatement Program were completed during the month of August, and abatement notices were mailed to property owners.

## **ANALYSIS**

The deadline for compliance (weed removal or other form of abatement) by property owners has now passed. The Fire Prevention Inspector has an abatement list ready to forward to a contractor. Since no bids were received, the process of weed removal has come to a halt. This is especially worrisome due to the "bumper crop" of weeds that have grown during this year's growing seasons. Time is of the essence. Allowing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with a local contractor will allow us to proceed with the necessary abatement in a timely manner.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Not applicable.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Weed abatement services typically consist of both tractor/disking and handwork, with cost based upon scope of work and size of lot/parcel. In the past, disking was estimated at \$40 per lot/acre; handwork, \$30/hour/person; and hauling (including labor and equipment) \$60/hour. Those numbers can be used as a starting point for negotiations, but the final outcome is unknown at this time.

Charges submitted by the contractor will be passed-through to the respective property owners for payment, or liens will be set on the properties when in the cases where owners do not pay.